

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Before this Response, claims 1 and 35-39 were present for examination. Claims 1 and 36 are amended. No claims are canceled, and no claims are added. Therefore, claims 1 and 35-39 are now present for examination.

Claims 1 and 35-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,483,983 ("Takahashi") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,456,334 ("Duhault"), and U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2004/0172588 ("Mattaway").

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks below.

Claims 1 and 35-39 – Rejected under §103

Claims 1 and 35-39 stand rejected as being obvious over Takahashi in view of Duhault and Mattaway.

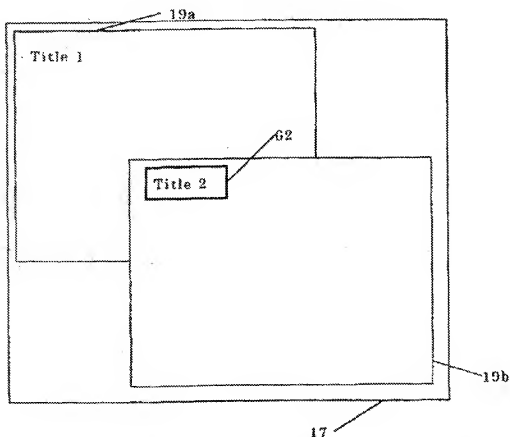
Applicants submit that Takahashi, Duhault, and Mattaway, individually or when combined fail to teach or suggest that "the single frames, *even if the single frames are unselected*, are configured to be displayed in an overlapping manner", as recited by claims 1 and 36. (emphasis provided). The Office Action at page 6 indicates that that the this claimed feature is shown in Fig. 2 of Duhault. Claims 1 and 36 have been amended to further clarify this feature of the invention.

Applicants submit that Fig. 2 of Duhault actually illustrates that the frames are overlapped *only when* the frame is selected. For example, Duhault at col. 5, lines 59-61 indicates that "when selected, image 245 would take the location of image 241, while the image 241 would be shrunk to thumbnail size and located where image 245 is illustrated." In other words, the thumbnail images (242-245) are placed in the corner of the screen (not overlapped, see Fig. 2 below). Then, once one of the thumbnails is selected it enlarges and moves to position 241, and

is at that point overlapped with 242-245. However, until such a selection is made, the unselected thumbnail images 242-245 are not overlapped.

In contrast, claim 1, as amended, recites that "the single frames, *even if the single frames are unselected*, are configured to be displayed in an overlapping manner". In other words, the frames in claim 1 overlap in the event that a frame is selected or unselected. Such a continuous overlapping of frames can be seen in Fig. 13 of the instant application.

Fig. 13



However, as stated above, Duhault provides no such continuous overlap of frames, as in claims 1 and 36.

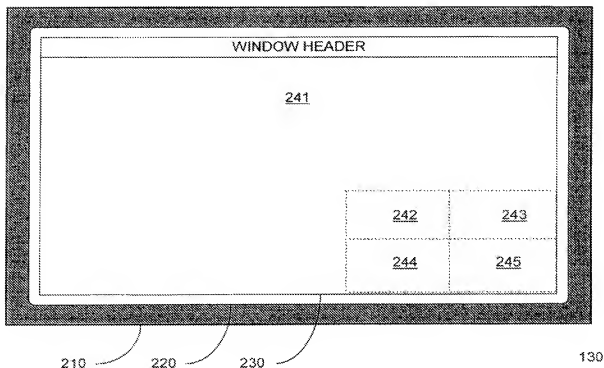


FIGURE 2

Furthermore, Applicants submit that Takahashi and Mattaway fail to remedy the shortcomings of Duhault. Therefore, for at least these reasons, Applicants submit that the combination of Takahashi, Duhault, and Mattaway fails to teach or suggest each and every element of claim 1. Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 35 and 37-39 depend from claims 1 or 36, thus at least by virtue of its dependence on an allowable base claim, Applicants submit that claims 35 and 37-39 are also allowable.

CONCLUSION

For at least all of the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

No fees are believed to be due with this paper, however, should it be deemed otherwise, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 20-1430.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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